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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The proliferation of illegally-acquired firearms
3 are destroying lives and hurting the public perception of the
4 City of Chicago and our State, which has had a detrimental
5 effect on our economy; and

6 WHEREAS, The Chicago Police Department recovered more than
7 50,000 illegal guns between 2001 and 2012; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2012, 87% of murders committed in the City of
9 Chicago were caused by gun violence; in 2013, 1,864 shootings
10 occurred within the City; and

11 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly must
12 do all that we can to ensure that the City of Chicago and the
13 State at large are safe and stable places for our citizens to
14 live, work, and play; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 there is created the House Illegal Gun Trafficking Task Force
18 to develop a bold and comprehensive plan, including legislative
19 proposals, to disrupt the flow of illegal guns in the State of
20 Illinois; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall assess the following
2 measures:

3 (1) the necessary levels of coordination, funding, and
4 interdepartmental and State/federal cooperation for effective
5 gun trafficking interdiction;

6 (2) the legal framework necessary for getting guns off
7 the streets, including the examination of current gunrunning,
8 straw purchasing, and unlicensed dealer penalties and their
9 interaction with city, State, and federal policies; and

10 (3) the feasibility of Office of Juvenile Justice and
11 Delinquency Prevention and Department of Justice anti-violence
12 programs that have worked in other similarly situated states
13 and cities, including after-school programs and job readiness,
14 that are peer-reviewed and cost-effective; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall be
16 appointed by the Speaker and Minority Leader of the Illinois
17 House of Representatives in equal numbers; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Illinois State Police shall provide
19 administrative and other support to the Task Force; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit a report of its
22 findings to the General Assembly on or before November 1, 2014;
23 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we declare an Illegal Gun Trafficking State
2 of Emergency in the State of Illinois; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the members of this body recognize the
4 inextricable links between illegal guns, gangs, and drugs and
5 urge the members of the Task Force to work with existing Task
6 Forces like the House Task Force on Heroin Crisis to combat
7 this growing menace; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
9 delivered to the Governor and Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel.